

SPECIAL ELECTION
May 17, 2005

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King County Voter Information

Voter Qualifications

To register to vote in King County, you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- · a legal resident of Washington state
- at least 18 years old by election day

Registration Deadlines for New Applications

You may register to vote at any time, but keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. In order to vote in an election, you must be registered by mail or through the Motor Voter program at least **30 days** before an election. For the May 17, 2005 Special Election, the deadline is April 16, 2005. If you miss the 30-day deadline, you can still register in time for an election if you register **in person**, at the King County Elections Office no later than **15 days** before the election. For the May Special Election, the deadline for in-person registration is May 2, 2005. However, you must vote by absentee ballot, for this Special Election.

How to Register

Complete a voter registration form and mail it in according to the instructions described on the form. Forms are available from King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division, public libraries, public schools, fire stations, city/town halls and from the King County Elections' Internet website at www.metrokc.gov/elections/register.htm, click on voter registration form, and select the language version you want.

Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-date

If your voter registration record does not contain your **current** name or address, it may affect your voting status. *Note the deadline for changes*. Changes to your name and address must be made **30 days before** an election to legally entitle you to vote using your new name or to vote in the precinct associated with your new address. Use the mail-in voter registration form to send your name or address change to the Elections Office.

Absentee/Mail-in Ballots

Any registered voter may vote by absentee/mail-in ballot. You do not have to be ill or "absent" to have a ballot mailed to you.

The request for an absentee/mail-in ballot must be made to the Elections Office (not to the Secretary of State). You may request an absentee ballot as early as 90 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters or as replacements for lost absentee ballots previously issued.)

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax, e-mail or by regular mail. You may also sign up to receive an absentee ballot for all future elections. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Voter Request section of the Mail-in Registration Form or complete and send in a signed Absentee/Mail-in Ballot Request Form, a copy of which is provided in this voter pamphlet.

If you do not receive your absentee ballot or you have lost it, please notify the Elections Office at the telephone numbers, mailing address or e-mail address listed below. Voted absentee and mail-in ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the Elections Office on or before election day.

If you have already requested or have a permanent request for an absentee/mail-in ballot on file, please do not submit another application.

Election Date and Poll Hours

This Special Election takes place on May 17, 2005. The polling places are available for voting from 7:00 in the morning and continue until 8:00 in the evening on election day.

Services and Additional Assistance

If you have questions concerning election related matters, voting, ballots, or locating your polling place, please contact King County Elections Office at the following telephone numbers or addresses:

Phone - 206.296.8683 or TTY 206.296.0109

Mail or - King County Records, Elections and Licensing Services Division

In-person King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue Room 553, Seattle, WA 98104

Internet - http://www.metrokc.gov/elections, e-mail — elections@metrokc.gov

Fire Protection District No. 41 Proposition No. 1



Official Ballot Title

PROPOSITION NO. 1 INCREASING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 41 adopted Resolution No. 210 to finance fire suppression and emergency services. This proposition would authorize the District to increase its regular property tax levy rate for collection in 2006 to one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) per one thousand dollars (\$1000) of assessed valuation without regard to limitations imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW. This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and is subject to otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations. Should this proposition be:

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Explanatory Statement

Fire suppression and emergency medical services provided by King County Fire Protection District No. 41 are funded by its regular tax levy. State statute limits the increase of that tax levy on existing property to 1% per year, unless a higher levy is approved by the voters. The District is projecting that its tax revenues for 2006 will fall short of its expenses by \$366,000. The District does not have reserves or other sources of revenue to cover such a deficit. To balance its budget, the District must either reduce levels of service or raise its tax levy. The Board of Commissioners has decided to ask the voters to increase the District's regular property tax to maintain current levels of service and meet future increases in demand for fire and emergency medical services and in costs.

If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to collect a regular tax levy in 2006 at the rate of \$1.20 per thousand dollars or assessed valuation. The current rate is \$.94 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The statutory 1% limitation on tax levy increases will apply to taxes collected in 2007 and subsequent years.

Statement for

District 41 provides fire suppression and emergency medical services to the unincorporated area north of Kirkland through a contract with the City of Kirkland. District 41 is limited to only a 1% per year increase in its tax levy on existing property without voter approval. The District is very cost conscious. However, increases in costs of operation, including fuel and medical costs, have been far more than 1% per year. Fire and aid calls have increased 3% per year. The compounding effect of inflation and increased demands for service will lead to a deficit of \$350,000 in 2005 and \$366,000 in 2006. Unless the 1% limitation is lifted, cuts in service will be necessary.

District 41 currently has lower tax rates than the fire districts serving Kenmore, Shoreline, Issaquah, Woodinville and Redmond areas. The District is seeking a levy for collection in 2006 at \$1.20 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation so that it can continue to provide its excellent level of service. If approved, the District's new tax rate will still be lower than four of these five districts. Vote yes to retain good fire and aid services.

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No Statement Submitted.

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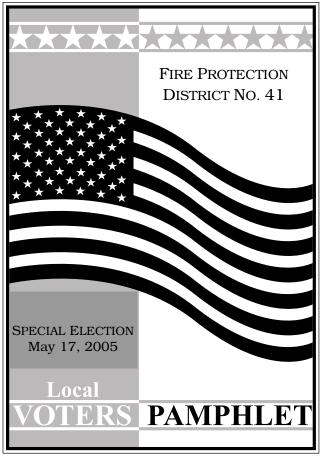
Absentee/Mail Ballot Request 索取缺席/郵寄選票

Mail to: ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOT 請寄至: 缺席/郵寄選票 King County Administration Bldg., Room 553 500 Fourth Avenue Seattle WA 98104

I hereby declare that I am a registered voter. Please use a pen and print legibly. 我現今聲明我已是登記選民. 請用墨筆或鉛子筆正楷書寫

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